



Short Safety Subject

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Protecting Your Pet In A Hurricane



Please consider the following suggestions when deciding how you will care for your pet during a hurricane. *Don't risk your own safety to protect your pet.*

- Pets are not allowed in evacuation centers. Only service animals such as seeing eye dogs are permitted.
- If you live in an evacuation zone and plan to go where your pet will not be welcome, make arrangements for a safe place for your pet prior to a hurricane:
 - You should contact veterinarians, kennels or animal shelters before the hurricane season to find out their policies on boarding animals during a hurricane. Most of these facilities will fill up quickly so you should make reservations at the earliest time possible.
 - If you cannot board your pet, ask friends, relatives or co-workers who live in non-evacuation zones if they will allow you and your pets to stay with them during the storm.
 - Contact hotels and motels in non-evacuation zones to determine if they will permit you and your pet to stay with them during a storm. Collier County Emergency Management has compiled a list of hotels which do accept pets.
- If you live in a non-evacuation zone and plan to stay in your home during a storm, make sure that you have the proper supplies for your pets. Keep enough food, water and required medications for at least two weeks. Have newspaper and plastic on hand for your pets sanitary needs.
- Remember, animals can also be affected by the stress of the storm. Do not tranquilize them. They will need to stay as alert as you will during and after a storm.
- Make sure that your pet wears an identification tag with your name and phone number and proof of inoculations. Make sure you have your pets vaccinated, and keep copies of the vaccinations. You may need these to prove the inoculations are up to date.
- Put into your Hurricane Kit pictures of your pet in case they get lost, and license registration.
- After the storm: Do not let your pets consume contaminated food or water and be sure they do not roam free. They could become lost if the storm altered familiar landmarks. There is also a hazard of insect infestation.



If your pet is lost, call the Dade County Rumor Control line at 598-7550 to obtain the phone number of those agencies which locate stray animals and their owners